

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Wrangell Radio Group Incorporated****Federal Tax ID: 92-0058702****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

Wrangell Radio Group Incorporated - ADA Compliance and Energy Efficiency Project

State Funding Requested: \$67,000**House District: 2 / A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

KSTK is requesting a capital grant of \$67,000 to facilitate urgent Americans with Disabilities Act compliancy projects and energy efficiency / weatherization upgrades.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$67,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$67,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

KSTK is a non-profit, broadcasting entity located in Wrangell, Alaska. W.R.G. was incorporated on January 27, 1975 and began broadcasting on July 7, 1977. The organization has nearly 400 members, 60 volunteers and provides daily radio service to over 2500 residents who inhabit the area encompassed by the Wrangell Borough.

Project Scope:

KSTK's studio facilities are deficient in several areas as it relates the Americans with Disabilities. Presently a wheelchair bound and mobility compromised individuals cannot enter the building without assistance from staff. As well, KSTK's restroom facilities are not wheelchair or handicap accessible.

Built in the late 1950's, the KSTK Studio facility was constructed without sufficient insulation. Additionally, the building's furnace is an aging inefficient oil-based model. These two deficiencies result in high energy costs for the organization, funds that could be used to further provide quality broadcast services to our listeners.

We propose to address the ADA compliance issues by hiring a local certified contractor to modify our two entrances to allow for wheelchair and handicap access and to enlarge the size of our restroom entry and facilities to allow for the same. All reparations would be constructed to building code and ADA specifications.

We propose to address the weatherization and heating deficiencies by hiring a certified contractor to properly insulate the building and replace the existing oil-based model with a more energy efficient electric unit.

Project Timeline:

The projects will begin at the Legislative session's end, with equipment procurement and installation over the Summer and Fall.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Wrangell Radio Group Incorporated

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

February 10, 2011

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RE: KSTK-FM request for State of Alaska capital funds

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is intended as support for KSTK-FM's request for State of Alaska capital funds.

KSTK-FM provides a vital radio service to the residents living within the City and Borough of Wrangell. The station is the only local comprehensive source for news and information and is responsible for keeping our residents informed in the event of civic or national disaster.

As the Executive Director of a local non-profit that provides services to individuals with disabilities, I understand how important ADA compliance is and support KSTK's efforts to address the accessibility deficiencies at their main studio facility. I also understand the difficulties a poorly insulated and heated building can present and the resulting added budget expense.

For over 30 years I have worked closely with KSTK-FM. Their projects and community initiatives have been successful and beneficial to the community.

KSTK-FM enjoys a positive reputation in the community and the non-profit community radio entity is considered an essential part of the overall social services system. I strongly support the organization and its state capital fund request.

Sincerely,



Mark Walker
CEO Alaska Island Community Services

February 09, 2011

Senator Burt Stedman
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Stedman,

As you may know, KSTK is requesting State of Alaska capital grant funds to resolve some urgent ADA compliance issues and address energy efficiency and weatherization deficiencies.

The enclosed request details our projects and the scope of the request. These projects are not only critical to our local radio service but to providing equal access to all of our listeners. If I can supply further information, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Peter Helgeson
General Manager
KSTK-FM
Wrangell, Alaska